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Somebody should wait upon Hon. R. W. Wigmore, New Brunswick's representative in the Dominion Cabinet and post him in regard to the steps being taken at Washington to place a prohibitive duty on potatoes from Canada. It is quite evident from the wording of a telegram which he sent to Mr. A. D. McCain of Florenceville that he has only a vague idea of what is going on. Should New Brunswick potatoes be shut out of the United States market Hon. Mr. Wigmore will probably get further word from Carleton County.

A. A. Archibald of Truro, N. S. is registered at the Windsor Hall.

DECORATIONS FOR YULETIDE

Evergreen decorations at Christmas time is so old a custom that no one knows just when it began. In old as in modern days the air was fragrant with the breath of pine and balsam. The ivy, the holly, the mistletoe were woven together in wreaths of garlands, or hung in great bunches from ceiling and arch. No Christmas would be complete without the dark leaves of the holly framing its clusters of red berries.

Country people have an advantage over the city people in getting Christmas decorations and in many of our rural districts one of the greatest delights of this season for the young folk is the hauling home of the Christmas greenery. Evergreen plants and branches of the pine and balsam, furnish most beautiful and diversified especially adapted to some form of decoration.

As for where to put the Christmas greens. At this time, when the house is turned over to the children and young folks decorations must not interfere with the fun nor take up too much floor space. If a room is set apart for the Christmas tree the doorway can sometimes be framed in green without too much detriment to the woodwork. Wreaths of balsam hemlock or pine can be made tucking in bits of red berries. If you have a bit of mistletoe that of course must be hung over a doorway or stairway or twisted in the greenery about a chandelier.

A bit of holly at one corner of a picture with a trailing vine thrown over it is both simple and pretty. A little trailing green among the bric-a-brac a pretty spray of holly with depending vines at the opposite corner, and the mantel is complete. A pot of delicate, growing ferns, its base encircled with holly, makes an effective centre-piece for a table.

A basket may be filled and ribbon draped by skilful fingers at home, thereby saving much expense. Simple forms are popular, round ones with high handles for roses. A spray of crimson rambler may entwine the handle, or there may be a dash of color harmonizing with the flowers, in the form of short, high bows of ribbon at one side and on the handle. Wet moss lines the bottom. The flowers are loosely arranged and in a man-

SOME HINTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Soap is not to be despised as a Christmas present. Not just ordinary soap, of course, but the delightful perfumed soaps and those specially made to beautify the complexion. Wouldn't you just love to receive for a little Christmas gift a tiny bookshelf holding three daintily bound books titled and authored, and wouldn't it be fun, when you examined the books, to find they were cakes of soap—imported French soap in just your own favorite flower perfumes? The soap books are covered with the Frenchiest-looking flowered paper, and so is the little bookshelf and both are tucked into a box to match.

When in doubt, give something to wear. No matter how we pride ourselves on not being vain, there is an irresistible fascination about the piquant little trifle that adds so much to the effect of gown or suit. Left to ourselves, we think we can't afford it, or haven't time to bother. All the more joy when someone gives it to us. And it really makes a lot of difference.

Some people love to search in the spring woods for flowers; some to poke among dead autumn leaves for nuts. The millionaire has a keen scent for rare editions or prints or porcelain or jewels. Some people search for stamps or coin. In fact, the normal human being love to seek and find.

I urge as an alluring pastime the honest search for ideas for Christmas gifts, in one's own mind and elsewhere. It is an unselfish and an honest hunt, and fraught with surprising and happy results. How the generous soul shrinks from those who say with evident satisfaction and relief: "I don't think people make as much of Christmas as they used to."

B. F. Smith, ex-M. P. P., of East Florenceville arrived here last night and registered at the Barker House.

ner to display the pretty basket with a loosely drooping spray here and there for grace.

Hyacinths in a low white basket trimmed with white ribbon and a thickly berried sprig of holly, are exquisite; or the ribbon may match the berries.

A well filled fern dish, bedecked with ribbon in the season's richest color and further brightened with holly, forms a Christmas delight.

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AROUND THE TOWN

The recent effort to amalgamate the two Fredericton bands to form one musical organization, which does not seem to be destined to succeed, recalls the fact that bands in this city have had a long history which has been greatly varied. The York Regt. Band which until very recently was known as the G. W. V. A. Band is the direct successor of the 71st York Regt. Band which under that name and the name of 71st Battalion Band has existed in Fredericton practically since the organization of the county corps of the Canadian Militia in 1869, two years after Confederation. The present Fredericton Brass Band is an offshoot of the 71st Regt. Band, seventeen members of the latter in 1902 leaving the militia band and forming a civilian organization with the manifest intention of "putting the 71st out of business." The intention was never fulfilled. The militia band under varying circumstances maintained its identity. Some ten years before that event there had been a very similar disruption which produced the Citizens' Band which had existence for several years, finally disbanding and being merged with the 71st. Prior to the formation of the Citizens' Band the old Fredericton Brass Band existed for some time. The late Frank Bryson led bands at various times in the musical history of Fredericton one being known by his name.

One of the earliest bands in the history of the city was the Free Masons' Band. C. Sterling Brannen who recently was retired on pension from the Provincial Secretary's office was a member. He was a bass player and still possesses the head-dress of that band. It is a shako with a six-inch hackle plume, half red and half white. That band was in active existence in the Sixties.

Prior to 1871 the best bands which were heard in Fredericton were those of the various regiments of foot of the Imperial Army which were stationed here. No regiment was here less than a year and some stayed several years. Old timers say that even with permanent troops there was marked difference in bands. Some bands strong numerically were not as good as others much weaker in numbers. Many of these British army bands suffered by desertion while here, the American border being so near that it was a temptation to take French leave. The 15th Foot now one of the East Yorks' battalions lost several bandmen in a party that way. All eluded the picket kept on the St. Andrew's Road to capture deserters and made their way to Bangor where they later formed an orchestra which kept together for years.

One of the most famous bands which ever was in this city was the Infantry School Corps Band or R. C. R. Band as it was latter known. Although a small band it reached a high pitch of excellence and individual players from it played later in organizations as well known as Sousa's Band and Pryor's Band.

Reference to the Imperial troops stationed here may bring to the minds of some of the older citizens the fact that a soldier once accomplished the act of sawing off the branch of a tree on which he sat.

BARGAINS IN STOCK

Won't interest the man who is nursing a bunch of sore corns. Give him a bottle of Putnam's Corn Extractor. It one day. Beware of substitutes for its painless, takes out the corn, cures in "Putnam's," it is the best. 25c. at all dealers.

This is often referred to in a jocular way as the acme of stupidity and it hardly is believed that any person would do it but it is vouched for by many citizens that it actually happened. The tree was a willow located near Queen street in the Officers' Square. It was blown down in a gale within the last ten years. The unfortunate English soldier who performed this curious act died from injuries received in the fall.

RATES TO BE REDUCED SOON

Montreal, Dec. 23.—A reminder of the coming reduction in freight rates was given this morning by W. S. Tilston managed of the transportation bureau of the Montreal Board of Trade, who recalled that there will on January 1, come into force in Canada east of Fort William a reduction of 5 per cent and west of Fort William a reduction of 5 per cent bringing down the increase granted a few months ago to 35 per cent in the east, and 30 per cent in the west.

The passenger rates also will be reduced, the increase of 20 per cent given recently being lowered to 10 per cent. This final 10 per cent Mr. Tilston added, is to come off in July 1. The railways are now preparing and issuing the new tariff lists several of which have been received by the Board of Trade.

Wallace Bridges of Sheffield is a guest at the Barker House.

XMAS DINNERS AT THE HOTELS

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Compared to the New Year's jollification, the Christmas festivities prepared at the various large hotels throughout the city will be of a quiet nature, the culinary features being the chief attractions offered patrons on the twenty-fifth of December.

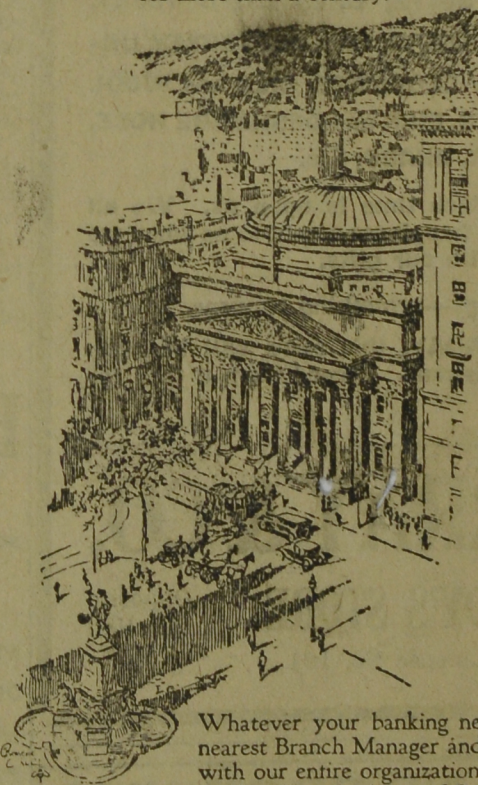
The Ritz-Carlton and the Windsor have announced that they are holding the usual "the dansant" on Saturday afternoon and are arranging a special musical program for the evening. Holly and mistletoe will be used to give a Christmas air to hotels and the pungent odor of cedar, balsam and spruce-tree will sharpen the appetites of diners. All hotels announce that their orchestras will play Christmas music and all are preparing for a large number of guests. The time at which dinner will be served varies as much as the price some commencing to serve guests at noon, and others one o'clock, while the Place Viger is confining itself to the hours between six and eight-thirty. The highest figure is that quoted by the Ritz-Carlton of \$9.00 per plate. At the Windsor a special price has been made of \$3.50 per head, and at the Place Viger \$2.50. At the former hotel a supper dance has been arranged from 10.30 p. m. to 12.30.

John Dayton, aged sixty years and Maria Raynor aged sixty-five years both of Riverhead, Long Island, obtained a marriage license the other day. It will be the fifth time each has been married. Both have buried all their former mates.

George Thieme of Sussex is at the Queen.

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